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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part application of international patent application No. PCT/CA 97/00967 filed December 11, 1997, designating the United States and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English on June 18, 1998, which application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/763,458, filed December 11, 1996, now United States Patent No. 6,117,839, issued September 12, 2000, which application is a continuation-in-part of United States Application Serial No. 08/487,074 filed June 7, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,880,094, issued March 9, 1999; and this application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/986,627 filed December 8, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,352,973, issued March 5, 2002, which application is a continuation of international patent application No. PCT/CA 96/00401 filed June 7, 1996, designating the United States and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English on June 7, 1996, which application is a continuation-in-part application of aforementioned United States Patent Application Serial No. ~~08/763,458~~ 08/487,074; said application Nos. PCT /CA 97/00976; 08/763,458 and PCT/CA 96/00401 of which are incorporated herein by reference.